

Hounslow far too good for Wycombe

Sports Mail Special Report

SETTING a hot pace, Hounslow had the better of first half exchanges against Wycombe Wanderers in the Amateur Cup first round match at Hounslow this afternoon and deserved their 1-0 interval lead.

Hounslow: Rhodes; Taylor, Good; Cockell, Williams, Price; McDuell, Clift, Baker, McHattie, Corbridge.

Wycombe Wanderers: Syrett; Beck, Moring; Truett, Fisher, Weaver; Worley, Trott, Bates, Fryer, Free. Referee: P. Northrop.

In a flurry of snow and a keen breeze, both sides began at a brisk pace on the muddy, slippery pitch. Fryer soon set Wycombe moving with a neat through pass, but Free's smart centre was cleared. Then Trott nipped between the home backs to get in a surprise shot which went only inches wide.

Over-eagerness marred many of Hounslow's forward moves but their forwards and halves were generally faster than the Wanderers and most of the play was in the Wycombe area.

When McDuell sent across an accurate centre, Crisp missed a good chance by sending his header over the bar.

DARING TACKLES

Wycombe's raids were repeatedly foiled by daring sliding tackles by the home backs and Hounslow continued to look more dangerous.

Hounslow took the lead after 24 minutes when Moring was charged off the ball and McDUELL, moving into the middle, sent in a comparatively easy-looking shot which spun out of Syrett's hands into the goal.

The Wycombe defence continued to look shaky under persistent pressure by the lively young Hounslow forwards and the Wycombe attack were unable to sustain their advances against the first-time, forthright tackling.

Hounslow were still pressing strongly and Syrett was often in trouble until half-time brought the Wycombe defence a welcome respite.

Half-time: Hounslow, Town 1, Wycombe Wanderers 0.

The first five minutes of the second half brought more unpleasant shocks for off-form Wycombe and put Hounslow in a commanding position.

Ever dangerous Dudley Baker earned the Town another goal in the 50th minute. From his pass winger CORBRIDGE tore down the centre and sent a great shot in off the woodwork.

Hounslow kept hammering away, and when Corbridge headed goalwards Crisp's centre, BAKER was on hand to bundle the ball home in the 55th minute to put Hounslow three up.

The home defence remained very sound, and Wycombe's prospects of making up the lee-way never looked great. Happy Hounslow, still yards faster, continued to look masters until the end.

RESULT:

HOUNSLOW	3
WYCOMBE W.	0

TOO FAST FOR WYCOMBE

Hounslow 3, Wycombe 0

A SCATTERING five-minute scoring burst that brought two grand second-half goals from Hounslow's Eric Corbridge and Dudley Baker crushed Wycombe's hopes of reaching the Amateur Cup Final at Wembley on April 23 (writes COLIN BARR).

Hounslow were match-masters throughout, and their goalkeeper, Peter Rhodes, did not face a testing shot until near the end.

Then right-winger Len Worley, borrowed from Spurs, achieved one defence-splitting move with leader Paul Bates. Even this fizzled out in the goalmouth.

Hounslow's first goal, the reward of relentless forward pressure, came with a fine 19-yard shot by McDuell, who sent the ball waist-high past Dennis Syrett.

Five minutes after the interval Baker switched with outside-left Corbridge, who was ready, in front of the net, to turn Baker's centre home for goal No. 2.

Five more minutes, and a Tony Crisp-Corbridge movement ended with Baker making it an easy-style 3-0 for Hounslow.

Credit Wycombe with a late rally. But it was Hounslow who were still going for goals as the fading minutes ticked away. Skipper Jim Moring made a desperate goal-line save from Geoff Price, and a shot by Corbridge provided another hectic moment.

Wycombe came near to claiming that elusive goal when Fryer's volley from 25 yards was cleared by left-back Roger Good.

But this was Hounslow's match. No team in the Cup better deserved victory.